

Water Transfers

Water Management Science Board
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Implementing Agencies

- ◆ Dept. of Water Resources - Office of Water Use Efficiency
- ◆ Bureau of Reclamation - Resources Division
- ◆ State Water Resources Control Board

Program Objectives

- ◆ Lower Transaction Costs Through Permit Streamlining and Contracting Process; refine definition of crop idling and legislation
- ◆ Increase the Availability of Existing Facilities; coordination of transfer programs, monitoring and measurement
- ◆ Increase the Availability of Market Information

Ontap Website

- ◆ Clearing house for transfer information maintained by DWR (ontap.ca.gov)
 - Number of transfer: source and destination
 - Type of transfer: groundwater substitution, crop idling or shifting
 - Approval timing
 - Transaction cost

Ongoing Work

- ◆ Identify carriage water requirements
- ◆ Breakdown of costs for engineering, legal, and administrative efforts
- ◆ Impacts to third parties and environment
- ◆ Improved resolution of source of water